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CAPTAIN RICHARD J. TOFT, USN

Captain Toft is a native of Trenton, New Jersey and graduated from Trenton Catholic Boys' High School in 1958. He received a B.S. degree from Rutgers University in 1962. Following college, he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport Rhode Island and was commissioned in December 1962.

Captain Toft completed training and was designated as Bombardier/Navigator in 1963. He was assigned in 1964 to Heavy Attack Squadron TWO shore based at NAS Whidbey Island Wa. While attached to the squadron he made an 11 month deployment to the Western Pacific embarked on the USS CORAL SEA and took part in the first air strikes on North Viet Nam.



Following completion of this combat cruise Capt Toft returned to Pensacola and completed pilot training in 1967. He made four additional cruises to both the SIXTH and SEVENTH Fleets flying first the A4 SKYHAWK and then the A6 INTRUDER from the decks of the USS ENTERPRISE, USS FORRESTAL and USS AMERICA. In April 1980 Capt Toft took command of Attack Squadron 95. He then served as Operations Officer of the USS ENTERPRISE followed by a tour in the Strike Warfare Division of the OPNAV staff in Washington DC. After selection for Major command Capt Toft took command of The Naval Air Station at Fallon Nv. in July 1985. Following his command tour, he reported to Commander Medium Attack Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing Pacific as Chief of Staff where he served until reporting to the Naval Post Graduate school as Director of Aviation Programs.

Captain Toft has over 5000 flight hours and 800 carrier landings. He wears the Legion of Merit (2), Air Medal (4), Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V" (3), National Defense Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal as well as various unit decorations.

Captain Toft is married to the former Rosemary Dellwo of Spokane Washington. They have three children: Marie, Madeline and Kathleen.